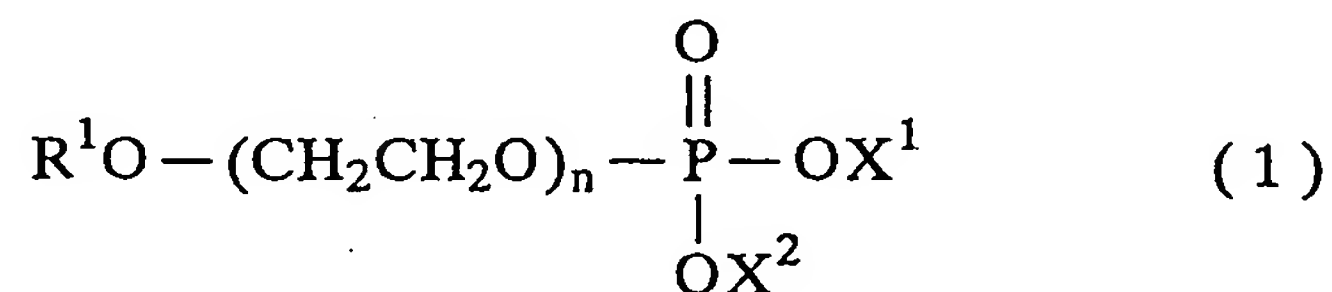


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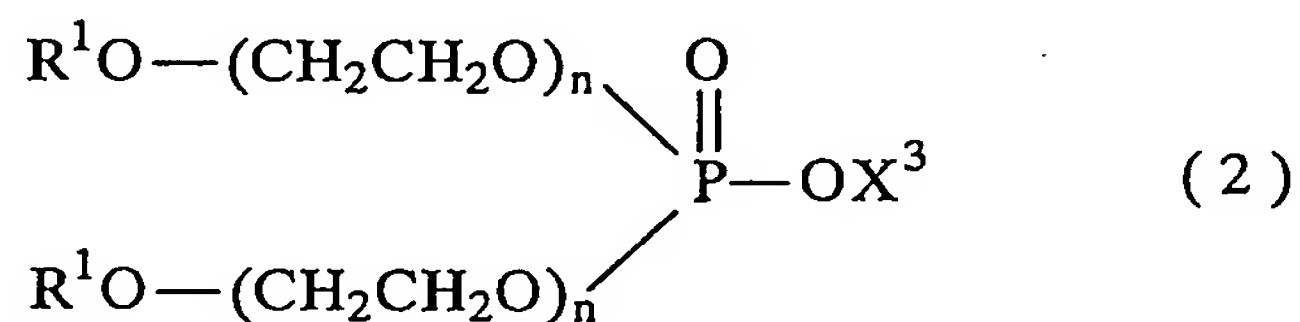
1. A cleanser composition which is weakly acidic and comprises the following components (a) and (b) in a (a)/(b) ratio of from 65/35 to 90/10 by weight:

(a) a phosphate monoester represented by the general formula (1) or a salt thereof:



wherein R^1 represents an alkyl or alkenyl group containing 9 to 15 carbon atoms on average with a branching degree of 10% or more, X^1 and X^2 each represent a hydrogen atom or an alkali metal, and n is a number of 0 to 5 which refers to the number of ethylene oxide units added on average,

(b) a phosphate diester represented by the general formula (2) or a salt thereof:



wherein R^1 and n each have the same meaning as defined above, and X^3 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkali metal.

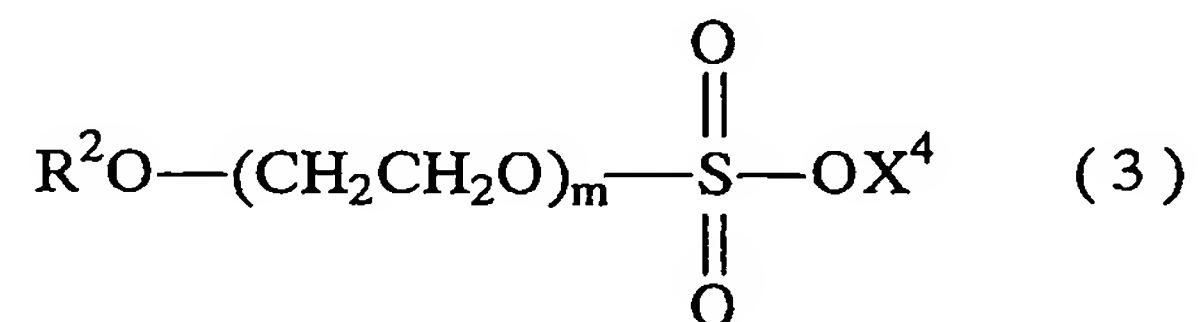
2. The cleanser composition according to claim 1, which exhibits a pH value of 4.5 to 6.5 upon dilution at a concentration of 5% by weight with deionized water.

3. The cleanser composition according to claim 1 or 2,

wherein the total amount of the components (a) and (b) is 3 to 50% by weight.

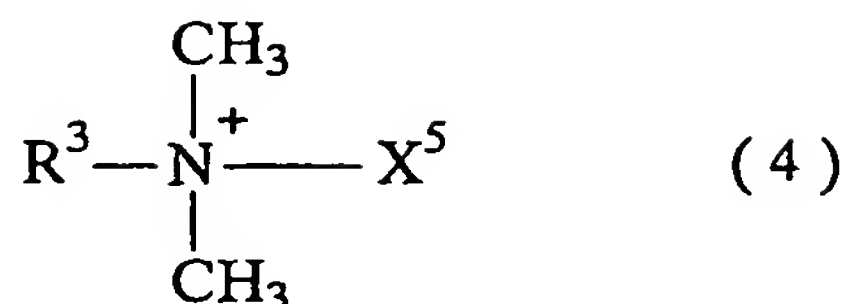
4. The cleanser composition according to claim 1, which further comprises at least one co-surfactant (referred to hereinafter as component (c)) selected from the group consisting of an alkyl ethoxylate sulfate, a betaine-type surfactant, a fatty acid or a salt thereof, an amine oxide, an isethionic acid-based surfactant, a sugar-based surfactant, an alkanol amide, an N-acylamino acid salt and an N-acyl-N-methyl taurine salt.

5. The cleanser composition according to claim 4, which comprises, as said component (c), at least one member selected from the group consisting of the following (c-1) to (c-9):
(c-1) an alkyl ethoxylate sulfate represented by the general formula (3):



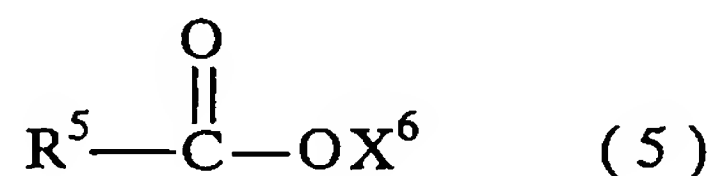
wherein R^2 represents a linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl group containing 10 to 18 carbon atoms on average, X^4 represents an alkali metal, and m is a number of 0 to 10 indicating the number of ethylene oxide units added on average.

(c-2) a betaine-type surfactant represented by the general formula (4):



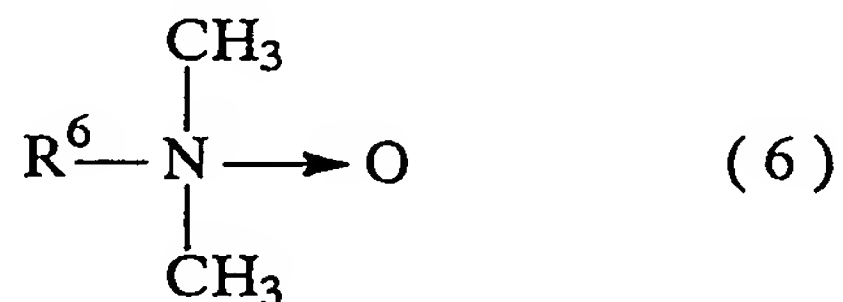
wherein R^3 represents an alkyl or alkenyl group containing 8 to 18 carbon atoms on average or an acyl amino alkyl group represented by the formula $\text{R}^4\text{CONH}(\text{CH}_2)_a-$ whereupon R^4CO represents an acyl group containing 8 to 18 carbon atoms on average and a is an integer of 2 to 4, and X^5 represents a $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_3^-$ group or a $-\text{CH}_2\text{COO}^-$ group.

(c-3) a fatty acid or a salt thereof represented by the general formula (5) :



wherein R^5 represents a linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl group containing 9 to 17 carbon atoms on average, and X^6 represents a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal, NH_4 or alkanol ammonium.

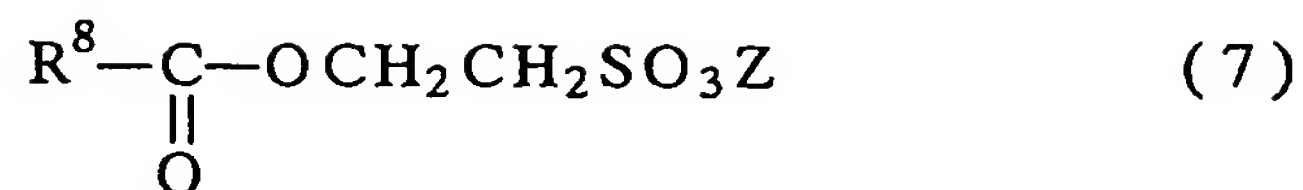
(c-4) an amine oxide represented by the general formula (6) :



wherein R^6 represents a linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl group containing 8 to 18 carbon atoms on average or an acyl amino alkyl group represented by the formula $\text{R}^7\text{CONH}(\text{CH}_2)_b-$ whereupon R^7CO represents an acyl group containing 8 to 18 carbon atoms on average and b is an integer of 2 to 4.

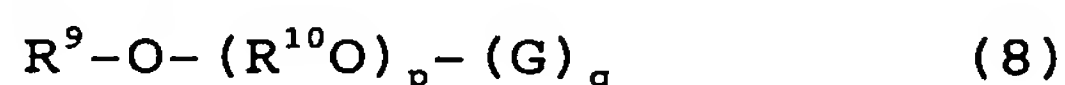
(c-5) an isethionic acid-based surfactant represented by the

general formula (7):



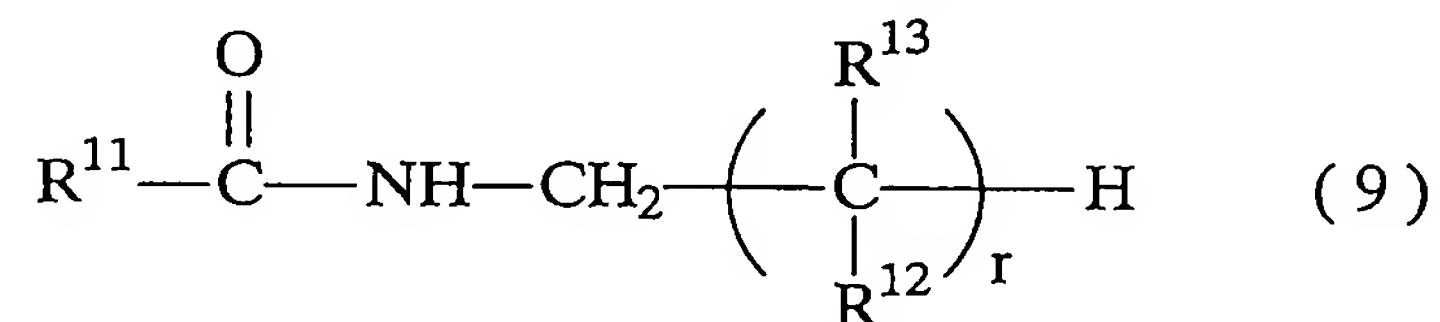
wherein R^8 represents a linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl group containing 9 to 17 carbon atoms on average, and Z represents a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal, NH_4 or alkanol ammonium.

(c-6) a sugar-based surfactant represented by the general formula (8):



wherein R^9 represents a linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl group containing 8 to 18 carbon atoms on average, R^{10} represents an alkylene group containing 2 to 4 carbon atoms, G represents a residue derived from a reducing sugar containing 5 to 6 carbon atoms, p is a number of 0 to 10 indicating the number of alkylene oxide units added on average, and q is a number of 1 to 10 indicating the average condensation degree of the reducing sugar.

(c-7) an alkanol amide represented by the general formula (9):



wherein R^{11} represents a linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl group containing 7 to 17 carbon atoms on average, R^{12} represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, R^{13} represents a hydroxyl group or a hydrogen atom, r is a number of 1 to 5, and $(\text{R}^{12})_r$

groups and (R¹³)r groups may be the same or different, respectively, provided that one of (R¹³)r groups is a hydroxyl group.

(c-8) an N-acylamino acid salt having an acyl group containing 8 to 18 carbon atoms on average, and

(c-9) an N-acyl-N-methyl taurine salt having an acyl group containing 8 to 18 carbon atoms on average.

6. The cleanser composition according to claim 4 or 5, wherein the content of the component (c) is 0.5 to 20% by weight.